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Sen. Laura Toy announces \$2.2 million awarded for Glendale Avenue reconstruction in Redford Twp.

LANSING – Motorists in Redford Township will benefit from a \$2.2 million grant from the state’s Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) for reconstruction of Glendale Avenue, announced Sen. Laura M. Toy, R-Livonia.

In January, Sen. Toy sent a letter to the governor urging the use of TEDF funds for the improvement of roads in Redford Township.

“Using TEDF funding for the pavement of roads in Redford Township would promote even further economic development in this community,” Sen. Toy wrote. “This would be of value not only to the viability of Wayne County, but the state of Michigan as well.”

The project includes reconstruction and resurfacing of Glendale Avenue from Telegraph to Beech Daly roads. The eastern portion of Glendale, from the western edge of the Pinnacle Commerce Center to Telegraph Road, will be reconstructed. The western portion of the road, from the western edge of the Pinnacle Commerce Center to Beech Daly Road, will be resurfaced.

The improvements are designed to maintain all-season access to Piston Automotive Group and Digitron Packaging, Inc. and their customers. Part of the Pinnacle Commerce Center, these businesses have invested \$8.2 million to redevelop a site that formerly housed a Ford Motor Corp. facility.

“Some of these projects have been in the works for a long time,” said Sen. Toy who has served Redford Township for seven years, first in the House of Representatives and now in the Senate. “I am committed to ensuring that all of the state’s various economic development programs and incentives are used to promote job creation and retention in Redford Township and Southeast Michigan. It’s great to see projects like the Pinnacle Commerce Center and the Detroit Diesel Corporation moving forward with this support.”

Last October, Sen. Toy announced that the Pinnacle Commerce Center project was awarded an \$820,000 Brownfield Redevelopment Single Business Tax credit by the Michigan Economic Growth Authority, allowing its two major tenants to remain in Michigan. Piston Automotive Group retains 69 jobs in the state, while Digitron Packaging, Inc. retains 450 jobs.

The Wayne County Department of Public Services will match the TEDF grant up to 12 percent or \$300,000. The total reconstruction project on Glendale Avenue is estimated to cost \$2.5 million.

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